

Quiz/Worksheet: Local Government in Virginia

1. What is unique about the relationship between city and county governments in Virginia, as compared to other states?
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 - b. In Virginia, cities are always more populous than counties.
 - c. In other states, cities may secede from counties whenever they wish.
 - d. County governments in Virginia dictate policy to the smaller cities.
2. When did the practice of **independent cities** develop in Virginia?
 - a. during the 1950s, when there were dramatic population shifts
 - b. almost to the state's very beginnings
 - c. in 1908
 - d. from the time Dillon's Rule was written
3. Where was the council-manager form of government invented?
 - a. in Virginia Beach
 - b. in Fairfax County
 - c. in Richmond
 - d. in Staunton
4. Which is the most accurate definition of Dillon's Rule?
 - a. States are given only those powers assigned them by the federal government.
 - b. Cities are given only those powers assigned them by the counties that they are next to.
 - c. Counties are given only those powers assigned them by the state government.
 - d. Counties perform those duties they feel necessary, regardless of the state's wishes.
5. The governing body of a county in Virginia is called the
 - a. mayor
 - b. town council
 - c. county council
 - d. board of supervisors
6. The county administrator – also called the **county executive** – is chosen by
 - a. the board of supervisors
 - b. the clerk of the circuit court
 - c. the people, in a vote
 - d. the governor
7. About how many counties are there in Virginia?
 - a. fewer than 25
 - b. almost 100
 - c. about 150
 - d. nearly 200, more than any other state
8. The first counties in Virginia, created by the General Assembly in the early 1600s, were called
 - a. counties
 - b. townships
 - c. shires
 - d. land grants
9. During the last 30 years, which areas have grown the fastest in Virginia?
 - a. its cities
 - b. its rural counties
 - c. its suburban counties
 - d. its small towns

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